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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, IS

SUBJECT: YEDIOT AHARONOT POLL ON GOI LEADERSHIP

1. YEDIOT AHARONOT POLL PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 7 REVEALS THAT SOLID MAJORITY OF ISRAELI PUBLIC SUPPORTS CURRENT LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY RABIN AND PERES. THE POLL, CONDUCTED ON OCTOBER 19-21, SHOWS THAT IN ANSWERING SEPARATE QUESTIONS AS TO WHOM THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS PRIME MINISTER, DEFENSE MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER RESPECTIVELY IF A NEW GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED TODAY, THE PRESENT INCUMBENTS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES: RABIN 59.8 PERCENT, PERES 60.6 PERCENT AND ALLON 48.9 PERCENT.

2. THE POLL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND SINCE THE SIGNING OF SINAI II, CONFIRMS OUR VIEW THAT THE AGREEMENT HAS ENHANCED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT. RESULTS ALSO WOULD SEEM TO SUBSTANTIATE OUR VIEW THAT RABIN HAS STEADILY CONSOLIDATED HIS POSITION SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE IN JUNE 1974. THIS IS ALL THE MORE STRIKING IN VIEW OF SIGNS OF WIDESPREAD PUBLIC FRUSTRATION WITH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION. AMONG POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS:

A) THE PUBLIC BELIEVES THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING A  
CREDITABLE JOB UNDER TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND/OR  
B) THE OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO BE UNABLE TO COME UP  
WITH ANY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN POLICY  
AND HAS FAILED TO CONVINCE THE PUBLIC THAT ITS LEADERSHIP  
WOULD BE MORE CAPABLE OF DOING THE JOB.

3. FINDINGS ALSO TEND TO CONFIRM EARLIER RESULTS WHICH  
HAVE SHOWN THAT THE ISRAELI PUBLIC TRADITIONALLY GIVES  
MOST OF ITS SUPPORT TO INCUMBENTS, ALTHOUGH  
PERCENTAGES VARY ACCORDING TO REACTIONS TO SPECIFIC  
EVENTS. ONLY RECENT EXCEPTION TO THIS CONSISTENT PATTERN  
WAS SHARP, PRECIPITOUS DROP IN SUPPORT FOR MRS. MEIR AND  
DAYAN IN AFTERMATH OF OCTOBER WAR.  
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